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## REBELS TODAY ARE MORE CONFIDENT

SEMI-OFFICIAL REPORTS REACH JUAREZ THAT FEDERALS ARE MAKING LAST STAND.

## LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Fighting So Fatal About Gomez Palacio that Neither Side Can Repeat Desperate Open Charges—Fighting From Building to Building.

Juarez, March 31.—Confidence in General Villa's ultimate victory was restored among the constitutionalists here today by semi-official reports that the rebels have forced Federal General Velasco to a last stand in the Torreon general barracks.

Today's advances are that the fighting is still going on. It is reported that the losses on both sides were so heavy at Gomez Palacio that neither side can repeat the desperate open charges which characterized that battle, but that they are fighting today from building to building in Torreon.

### Chihuahua Rebels Hopeful.

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 31.—The rebel officers here, although optimistic, announced that Villa is meeting with stubborn opposition.

### TORNADO IN TEXAS

Two Negroes Killed and Two Others Injured at Wilmer, Yesterday. Wilmer, Tex., March 31.—Two negroes were killed and two others badly injured in a small tornado here yesterday evening.

### Murder Cases on Docket.

Poteau, Okla., March 30.—Of the thirty-five criminal cases on the docket at the April term of court at Poteau, Okla., four are murder cases. Possibly those attracting the greatest interest are the cases of George Snodgrass of Spiro, who killed a carriage-maker on the streets of that city last month, and Lige Holliday, the Howe hotel man, who recently killed Mart Long, a cab driver, in his hotel. Sam Gordon and Claude Roberts, are defendants in the other cases. Gordon is charged with being implicated in the fatal riot at a church at Cedars some years ago.

## MANIAC MURDERS WIFE AND BABY

HEADS SEVERED BY BUTCHER KNIFE—THE MAN WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM ASYLUM.

Shirley, Ark., March 30.—William Huggins, a farmer aged 35, is in jail here charged with the brutal murder of his wife and baby Sunday night. The officers say that Huggins was recently released from the state asylum and that they believed the man killed his wife and child in a fit of homicidal mania.

The officers says that Huggins after the double killing carried the bodies of his two victims to the back porch of his home and severed the heads of each with the knife with which he had killed his wife.

Huggins' 3-year-old son, who made his escape, is said to have told the officers that his father first lifted the baby from its cradle and dashed it against the side of the house, killing it instantly. He is said to have attacked his wife with a butcher knife, piercing her body eleven times before she died.

When the little boy began to cry, he says his father told him, "Yes, and I'll get you in a minute." The boy fled to the home of his grandmother in his night clothes. A younger boy, about 5 years old, escaped because it is believed his father overlooked him.

Huggins is sullen and refuses to talk.

### EXPRESS COMPANIES WIN POINT.

Permitted to Amend Applications for Injunction Against Rates.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 30.—After an oral argument in the federal court here today the express companies were permitted to amend their applications for injunction attacking the state express rates by bringing in the fact that the railroads that receive over 50 per cent of the revenues of the express companies, should have been made parties to the suits.

Arguments were made in the same court on the motion of the railroad companies to strike out certain portions of the answer of the attorney general in the 2c fare cases that are pending as a result of the activity of the corporation commission of this state.

### Dentists' Meeting.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—The seventh annual meeting and the third annual post-graduate course of the Oklahoma State Dental Association began its session today in this city. The sessions will continue until April 4. The election of officers and other business matters will be taken up on Tuesday, at the evening session.

A lecture on oral hygiene will be delivered Thursday night at the high school auditorium by Dr. Thomas P. Hinman of Atlanta. Clinics will be held Thursday and Friday afternoons. The sessions will close with a banquet Friday night.

## MOB AT WAGONER LYNCHED NEGRESS

MARIE SCOTT, NEGRO WOMAN, KILLED YOUNG WHITE MAN SUNDAY NIGHT.

## FOUGHT UNTIL DEATH

Negro Woman Never Uttered a Cry When Masked Mob Seized Her in Cell, Dragged Her to Telephone Pole and Swung Her Up.

Muskogee, Okla., March 31.—A masked mob brushed aside the one armed jailer at the Wagoner county jail at Wagoner early this morning, threw a rope around the neck of Marie Scott, a young negro woman, dragged her out and hanged her to a telephone pole.

The negress killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man Sunday night at Wagoner, driving a knife through his heart as he passed her house.

The woman never uttered a cry but fought the mob until her death.

### Race Horses to Tulsa.

Tulsa, Okla., March 30.—One hundred and fifty horses from the Juarez race course were on a special train from El Paso that arrived in Tulsa Monday. Included are some of the classiest that were at the winter meeting at Juarez. Orin Kapp, winner of the closing handicap at Juarez, was one of the arrivals. Plans for the spring race meet scheduled to be opened here April 11, still continue. Race officials announce without hesitation that the meet will be held. Opinions from several law firms over the state unanimously say that the meeting will be in violation of no law, regardless of whether pools are sold.

### DEPUTY IS KILLED BY NEGRO.

Virginia Officer Trusted Prisoner Too Far; Slayer Escapes.

Newport, Va., March 30.—Deputy Sheriff Edwin Curtis of Elizabeth City county was shot twice near the heart and probably fatally wounded today by John Henry Porter, a negro he had arrested in Hampton for selling liquor on Sunday. A posse pursued Carter, but he escaped and is believed to have boarded a boat for Norfolk.

After arresting the negro, Deputy Curtis had allowed him to go to his house to get some clothing before starting for jail. Carter returned with a pistol and opened fire upon the officer.

## GIANT EXPLOSION OF NITROGLYCERINE

SIX HUNDRED QUARTS OF EXPLOSIVE BLOWS FACTORY TO ATOMS AT BARTLESVILLE.

Bartlesville, Okla., March 30.—Six hundred quarts of nitro-glycerin, stored in the plant of the Eastern Torpedo company, three miles south of here, exploded and wrecked the entire plant at 10 o'clock Monday morning. A hole 10 by 75 feet and 10 feet deep was torn in the ground, and stones weighing several pounds were hurled more than half a mile.

The explosion was caused by a fire breaking out in the boiler room and the employees fought the blaze until it was seen that it was beyond control, when they fled from the scene. The fact that the three men succeeded in placing a high hill between themselves and the plant before the explosion took place, no doubt saved their lives, and no one was injured, although one man was thrown from his feet by the concussion.

The explosion was plainly heard in Bartlesville and window panes rattled in the windows. It created great excitement as soon as it was learned what had happened, and many persons rushed to the scene.

The loss of the company is placed at \$5,000. There is only the hole in the ground and scattered debris to show where the factory stood. One tree two feet in diameter, was twisted off a few feet above the ground and the branches of all the trees in the vicinity were torn off. Everything in several hundred feet of the scene was covered with mud and window panes in houses near were shattered. The plant was used for the manufacture of torpedoes used in shooting oil wells.

### Ada Church Calls Pastor.

Ada, Okla., March 30.—The First Presbyterian church of this city yesterday extended a formal call to Rev. Thomas Carey to be pastor of the church for the ensuing year.

Rev. Carey is now at Pawhuska, Okla., and formerly of Tishomingo and McAlester.

### Asks Part of Ex-Husband's Estate.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—Mrs. Mary Wilson of Chicago filed suit in the superior court today against Levi Wilson, her former husband, for temporary alimony and division of property, which she estimates to be worth \$20,000, claiming that she is now penniless, in debt and in need of medical attention. Mrs. Wilson alleges that her husband obtained a divorce from her by stating in his publication notice that he did not know her address, while, she asserts, he knew all the time exactly where she was.

### Big Can of Nitroglycerin Stolen.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—Twenty quarts of nitroglycerin, enough to blow up the largest office building in this city, disappeared mysteriously here this morning, causing terror in many parts of the city until the empty can in which the liquid explosive had been kept was found.

It is believed that a negro, thinking that the can contained whiskey, took it.

### WOULD HAVE PARTIES UNITE.

E. M. Clark of Pawnee Wants to Be Governor on Fusion Platform.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—Satisfied with the platform adopted by the republicans at the Tulsa convention, E. M. Clark of Pawnee says he believes the republicans and progressives should unite in Oklahoma to redeem the state from its present deplorable entanglement.

Mr. Clark is a candidate for governor. He has been hunting for constructive leaders for the past thirty years, he says. He followed Cleveland to the "endless chain," Bryan to "Castle Garden," and Roosevelt until he "traded horses in the middle of the stream." Now, he says, it is up to the republicans of Oklahoma to nominate a man to lead the ticket who has a personal record in keeping with the platform and set the pace for the United States.

## WOMAN IN QUARREL SLAYS HUSBAND

DOMESTIC QUARREL LEADS TO KILLING OF J. R. LAWSON, A FARMER AT BENNINGTON.

Durant, Okla., March 30.—J. R. S. Lawson, a farmer of Bennington, Oklahoma, was instantly killed late last night by his wife, an entire load of buckshot striking him in the left side of the head. The killing took place on the Lawson farm two miles north of Bennington, with Mrs. Lawson's daughter, aged 12 years, a son aged 10, Lawson's stepchildren and Barney Stewart present. The details of the killing conflict, the parties telling different stories each time.

It is alleged that the son had borrowed a gun from a neighbor last Saturday for the purpose of hunting, and took it to the Lawson house. The son went to Bennington Saturday night, meeting his father and asked for money to buy shells. The father gave him 50 cents and the son purchased two shells loaded with heavy shot. When he arrived home he placed these shells in the gun. Sunday evening after Lawson went to bed, he and Mrs. Lawson quarreled, and he told her she would have to leave him. It is charged that Mrs. Lawson grabbed up the shotgun, shooting her husband through the right hand and left side of the neck and head while he was lying on the bed.

Mrs. Lawson claimed that he threatened to kill her and was rising up out of bed to attack her when she shot, although he had no weapons of any kind. The other persons were in the other room and heard the shooting. They all went over to the nearest neighbor's houses, Mr. Davis, which was a quarter of a mile away. The neighbor notified the sheriff and the wife and son were brought to Durant Monday night, and held without bail awaiting the preliminary trial.

Mr. Lawson lived in Durant until his first wife died, a little over a year ago. He married again and moved to the farm near Bennington last spring. Nothing is known of his folks as he came from Mississippi here. It has been known for some time that the couple did not get along well together. Lawson was buried in old Bennington Monday.

### Manslaughter Sentence to Stand.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—John Quinton of Sequoyah county, who was convicted in the district court on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree in killing John Parker, must serve his sentence of twenty-one years in the state penitentiary, in the opinion of the criminal court of appeals in affirming the judgment of the district court of Sequoyah county.

### Eastern Roads in Bad Shape

Washington, D. C., March 31.—Heeding the appeal of eastern railroads that their financial condition is serious, the interstate commerce commission today decided to hear immediately their final testimony in the application for a general rate increase. This testimony had not been expected until the end of April.

### More Negroes Start for Africa.

Wesley, Okla., March 30.—More than 200 negroes, members of Chief Sam's party, bound for the gold coast of Africa, have departed from here for Galveston, where they will wait for the boat Chief Sam has chartered, which is expected there soon, on which the negroes will embark and go to the "promised land." The negroes seem to have implicit faith in Sam and act as if they really believe they are going back to the land their ancestors left years ago.

### LIFE TERM FOR MURDER.

Slayer of Cincinnati Woman in Chicago Hotel Given Life Sentence.

Chicago, Ill., March 31.—John B. Koetter was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Emma Krafe of Cincinnati and sentenced to life imprisonment. He killed the woman with a hammer in a Chicago hotel after getting her money.

A bargain every day in want ads.

### STREETS AND PARKS

Of New Capitol to Bear Names Of Commissioners.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—A plan to glorify the members of the state capitol commission by creating streets and naming them after the commission members, was made public by W. L. Alexander, Oklahoma City manager of the two successful capitol campaigns, Monday.

The plan is to lay off a boulevard from Broadway circle to the state capitol grounds. A. H. Classon and W. F. Harn have already promised most of the ground necessary for this new street, according to Alexander, with a small strip of land only about two blocks from Broadway circle, yet to be secured by the citizens' committee under Alexander.

This new boulevard will be known as "Goulding Boulevard" in honor of Pat J. Goulding of the capitol commission.

A circular street will be made around the capitol grounds to be known as "Anthony Boulevard" after W. B. Anthony. The land for this street is already promised.

The land enclosed by this circular street, bordering on the capitol grounds will be planted in trees and flowers and called "Douglas Park" in honor of Stephen Douglas, the third capitol commissioner.

## NO NEW TARIFFS UNTIL END OF JULY

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION SUSPENDS FOUR THOUSAND NEW TARIFFS.

## ROADS IN BAD SHAPE

Eastern Railroads Appeal to Commission That Their Financial Condition is Serious and Will Hear Final Testimony on Increase in Rates.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The interstate commerce commission suspends until the end of July, the four thousand new tariffs filed by railroads, eliminating the allowances to industrial railroads.

These eliminations were to avoid rebating and were allowed to stand for the United States steel corporation and other eastern iron and steel companies, in whose cases the commission has already made an investigation.

The suspensions affect only the roads the commission has not yet investigated.

### March 31 in History.

1631—Cock fighting prohibited in England by parliament. This act was called "an act of usurpation."

1774—The bill for closing the port of Boston received the royal assent.

1807—Slave trade abolished by the British government.

1813—Battle of San Antonio, Mexico, between the royalists and patriots.

1814—Paris capitulated to the allied army. The conquerors entered the city with the emperor of Russia and the king of Prussia at their head.

1837—The president, ad interim, of Mexico, protested in the most solemn manner, before all civilized nations, against the acknowledgment of the pretended republic of Texas, made by the United States.

1851—John C. Calhoun, one of the most distinguished American statesmen, died.

1852—Tremont Temple, Boston, entirely destroyed by fire.

1864—President Lincoln ordered the transfer of 1,000 negroes from the army to the navy, where they were to be trained as seamen.

1904—The British, under Colonel Younghusband, repulsed the Tibetans.

1913—Wm. D. Haywood of the Industrial Workers of the World, was sentenced to six months in jail in connection with a strike at Paterson, N. J.

1913—J. Pierpont Morgan died.

## HOUSE APPLAUDS TOLL SPEECHES

GREATEST CROWD IN RECENT YEARS CROWDED GALLERIES TO HEAR SPEECHES.

## MANN'S WAR TALK

Republican Leader Declares War is "Not Desirable, But it is Inevitable." — Representative Humphrey Says Clark is Victim of Injustice.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—War was urged by Republican Leader Mann in the house today as one of the main reasons against the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption.

He hinted broadly that war might come with Japan or China. He argued that if the United States now accepts the construction of the treaty as compelling the United States to charge the same tolls on its ships as those of foreign nations, this construction will be raised against us in time of war, "in such a way that we cannot protect the canal without bringing a protest from England or other countries which will embarrass if not defeat us in war."

He pointed out that England is now Japan's ally. "War," he said, "is not desirable, but it is inevitable." The house had the greatest crowd of recent years to hear Mann, Clark and the Wilson supporters close the repeal debate.

Representative Humphrey, republican of Washington, was applauded when he said Clark today would be president "but for an injustice." Speaker Clark disappointed those who were expecting him to attack the president. Instead he professed friendship for Wilson and attacked those who have been urging Clark's candidacy for president in 1916. He said the "amazing request of the president for the repeal, like the peace of God, passeth understanding."

## JURORS ASK FOR STAY OF EXECUTION

FOR CONDEMNED GUN MEN UNTIL AFTER SECOND TRIAL OF LIEUTENANT BECKER.

New York, March 30.—Ten of the twelve trial jurors who found the four gunmen guilty of the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, have signed a petition asking Governor Glynn to stay the carrying out of the death sentence, set for next month, until after the second trial of Chas. Becker, the former police lieutenant, whose sentence was set aside last month by the state court of appeals.

Counselors for the gunmen announced today that this petition and other documentary matter would be presented to the governor tomorrow. One of the jurors who did not sign the petition was out of town when his signature was sought, and the other declined to make known his attitude.

The jurors stated in their petition that their request was submitted "without, on our part, desire to impeach or impugn the verdict," they rendered.

Every possibility of error should be eliminated, the ten jurors pointed out; hence their request for a reprieve or a stay "to the end that if anything hereafter may occur or any information be procured, or during the trial of Charles Becker be brought to light which may redound to the benefit of the defendants, they may have an opportunity at the proper time to avail themselves of such development or revelation."

The four condemned men request, first that the judgment of death be commuted to "such term of imprisonment as to the governor may seem just and proper," and second, that the execution of judgment be stayed and reprieves be granted "until after the final determination of the indictment against Becker."